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Docket No.  
**P98036US4A(P313)**

**Transmittal of Continuing Application Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

Please file a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part application of pending prior patent application no. **09/475,343**, filed on **December 30, 1999**.

of **STEVEN LUO**  
entitled **Preparation Of Conjugated Diene Polymers By Using An Iron-Based Catalyst System**

- ☒ The enclosed application papers are a true copy of the prior application as filed including the specification, claims, drawings (if any), and oath or declaration.
- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting, just after the title: "This is a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. **09/475,343**, filed on **December 30, 1999**, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial Nos. **09/172,305**, now U.S. Patent No. **6,277,779**, **09/173,956**, now U.S. Patent No. **6,180,734**, and **09/439,861**, now U.S. Patent No. **6,211,313**."
- ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ sheet(s) of drawings is/are enclosed.
- ☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following person(s) who are not inventors of the invention claimed in this application:
- ☒ An assignment is ☐ enclosed, or ☒ of record in the prior application, and a copy is enclosed.
- ☒ A power of attorney is ☐ enclosed, or ☒ of record in the prior application, and a copy is enclosed.
- ☒ Enclosed is a written request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) regarding petitions for extensions of time.

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Assignment recording fee		\$40.	\$0.
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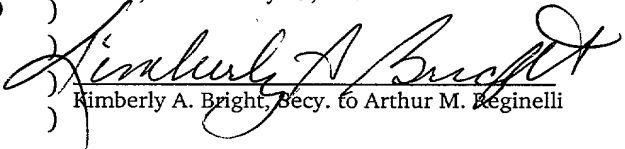
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**TRANSMITTAL SHEET**

Enclosed are the following documents:

Transmittal of Continuing Application (w/attached Certificate of Mailing)  
Preliminary Amendment (w/attached Certificate of Mailing)  
Copy of Specification, Claims, and Abstract (38 pages)  
Written Request Regarding Extensions of Time  
Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet  
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